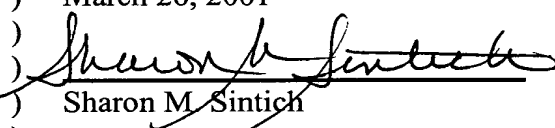


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Please replace the paragraph starting at page 16 line 10 with the following
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